

REMARKS

These remarks are responsive to the Advisory action mailed April 1, 2008. All rejections and objections of the Office Action have been herein addressed. Accordingly, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these remarks and amendments.

Claims 1-40 are pending.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7-16, 18, 19 and 22-30 have been allowed.

Claims 38-40 stand rejected.

Claim 38 is herein cancelled.

Claims 39 and 40 have been herein amended.

Claims 1,9, 16 and 24 are independent.

In response to the Advisory action of April 1, 2008, applicant herein cancels claim 38 and amends claims 39 and 40 to depend from claim 1. Applicant submits that the new search issue raised by claim 38 is now moot, and acceptance and allowance of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. if there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3735.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-9660, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

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